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HERBICIDE

## ELECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 11, 2001, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I containing claims 1-8 inclusive, drawn to a protoporphyrinogen oxidase or a mutant peptide having protoporphyrinogen oxidase activity that is tolerant to a photobleaching herbicide.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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required fee under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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